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COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Merseburg Airfield</u>		
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REMARKS		

1. A shed with a roof and a loading ramp were being built at the railroad spur on the northern section of the Merseburg (M 52/D 91) airfield on 11 November 1950. Railroad cars with shipping tickets reading "Halle-Merseburg" were unloaded at the ramp. Loose cement covering an area of 10x10x1.5 to 2 meters, was stored in the shed. The cement was unloaded from the railroad cars. The shed was to be enlarged. A watchtower which was unoccupied was recently erected on the western edge of the field. Soviet soldiers erected a telephone line 6 meters high from the southwestern corner of the field, over the ordnance depot and the barracks area, toward the town.
2. More building material, particularly loose cement, was unloaded between 13 and 27 November. One power shovel and about five conveyors were on the field. A power line led from the spotlights at the firing range across the field to its northeastern corner. The fence on the southern edge of the field was moved about 10 meters toward the south. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] the Bauunion-Mitte firm [redacted] had to keep 2,000 laborers ready for work at the airfield. An E-W runway 2 kms long was allegedly to be constructed. The Knapendorf (M 52/D 91) community had to relinquish 350 acres of land, the exact location of which, however, could not be determined. * 50X1-HUM

Comment. [redacted] The arrival of cement indicates that the construction of a concrete runway is planned. The construction work has apparently not yet started.

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